

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus ~~having~~ comprising:
a first insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a first recording medium and at least reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium, the first recording medium being an optical information recording medium comprising a memory card;
a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a second recording medium and reading out ~~and writing~~ electronic information from and writing electronic information in the inserted second recording medium, ~~and~~ the second recording medium being selected from the group consisting of a magneto-optical recording medium, a hard disk, and an optical information recording medium different from the first recording medium;
an operating member which is connected to the first and second insertion/removal portions so as to be able to exchange electronic information and starts an operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium[[, comprising:]];
control means for controlling exchange of electronic information in the information processing apparatus; and
expression means for expressing an operation state of the information processing apparatus,

wherein when a state in which a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information can be read out or written is detected, said expression means performs an expression operation of the state.

2. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus ~~having~~ comprising:
a first insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a first recording medium and at least reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium, the first recording medium being an optical information recording medium comprising a memory card;

a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a second recording medium and reading out ~~and writing~~ electronic information from and writing electronic information in the inserted second recording medium, and the second recording medium being selected from the group consisting of a magneto-optical recording medium, a hard disk, and an optical information recording medium different from the first recording medium;

an operating member which is connected to the first and second insertion/removal portions so as to be able to exchange electronic information and starts an operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium[[, comprising:]];

control means for controlling exchange of electronic information in the information processing apparatus; and

expression means for expressing an operation state of the information processing apparatus,

wherein when a state in which electronic information cannot be read out from or written in a recording medium inserted in at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions is detected, said expression means performs an expression operation of the state.

3. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said expression means includes a display device, and the expression operation includes transfer of a visual message to a user.

4. (original) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said expression means includes a display device, and the expression operation includes transfer of a visual message to a user.

5. (original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

6. (original) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

7. (original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes an LED.

8. (original) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the display device includes an LED.

9. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said expression means includes a sound generating device, and the expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

10. (original) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said expression means includes a sound generating device, and the expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

11. (original) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

12. (original) An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

13. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member until said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information can be read out or written.

14. (original) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member until said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information can be read out or written.

15. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member after said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information cannot be read out or written.

16. (original) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the operating member is operated to output to said control means a signal for starting the operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, and

said control means ignores the signal from the operating member after said control means detects that a recording medium is inserted into at least one of the first and second insertion/removal portions and electronic information cannot be read out or written.

17. (new) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means is operable to create a file system in the second recording medium by formatting.

18. (new) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control means is operable to create a file system in the second recording medium by formatting.